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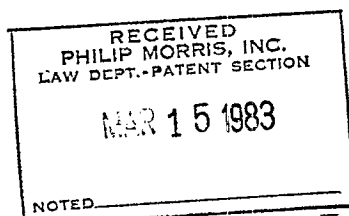
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Further to your telephone conversation with Mr. Bass on 7th March 1983, I enclose a copy of the search report on this application, with copies of the three cited documents and a note from the EPO of equivalents to two of them.

All three documents are cited only as technological background. None of them discloses, or suggests, the present invention. FR 2 405 752 relates to a nozzle formed by an elongate chamber with side walls tapering over their lower portions to form a slot, through which a fluid may be ejected. However, there is no disclosure of the cylindrical side chamber, which is presented as an essential feature of this invention.

The other two documents disclose nozzles which are even further removed from the liquid distribution arm of the invention.

If for any reason you would like a more detailed assessment of these documents, please let me know.

A note of our charges is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

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